

Government

Scope and Sequence 2023-2024

Course Description: The primary objective of this required one-semester course is to prepare the student for decision-making within the framework of the American political system. The course begins with an overview of basic concepts found in all political systems, the philosophical background which led to our constitutional development, and the basic concepts found in the Constitution. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government, including current issues of interest such as foreign affairs, will be studied. In addition, students study the fields of civil rights and liberties, political parties and suffrage, the Texas Constitution, and state and local government.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Government

Instructional Units	Days**	
First Semester	74	End Date
1 st Grading Period	37	10/20/2023
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	3	08/30/2023
Development of Constitutional Government in America	14	09/20/2023
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	8	10/03/2023
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	8	10/13/2023
College Financial Planning (First Semester Only)	2	10/18/2023
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	2	10/20/2023
*2 nd Grading Period	37	12/21/2023
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	9	11/02/2023
Citizenship	4	11/10/2023
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	11/13/2023
Influences on the U.S. Political System	9	12/01/2023
Role of Political Parties	6	12/11/2023
Process for Filling Public Offices	8	12/21/2023

Instructional Units	Days**	
Second Semester	94	End Date
3 rd Grading Period	42	03/08/2024
Supportive Learning Environment (SLE)	1	01/08/2024
Development of Constitutional Government in America	16	01/31/2024
Structures and Functions of the Government (Legislative)	14	02/22/2024
Structures and Functions of the Government (Executive)	10	03/07/2024
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	1	03/08/2024
*4 th Grading Period	52	05/31/2024
Structures and Functions of the Government (Judicial)	15	04/08/2024
Citizenship	3	04/11/2024
Civilian Interaction Training (SB30)	1	04/12/2024
Influences on the U.S. Political System	11	04/30/2024
Role of Political Parties	8	05/10/2024
Process for Filling Public Offices	14	05/31/2024

* Includes time for Final Exams.

**The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

Instructional Material(s):

Remy, Ritchie, Scott, and Hanson (eds.), *United States Government*, McGraw-Hill Education, Copyright 2016